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Police Arrest 65 for Underage Drinking at Party

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (Feb. 16) – Police officers arrested 65 people for underage drinking at a party on the northwest side of Evansville last night.

Evansville/Vanderburgh County Central Dispatch received several calls about a large underage drinking party and numerous vehicles parked in the roadway in 2700 block of Allens Lane in Evansville.

At midnight Sunday morning, officers from the Indiana State Excise Police, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office and Indiana State Police, investigated these citizen complaints and found 65 minors who had been consuming alcoholic beverages inside a house and garage.

All but one of those found to have been drinking alcohol were issued summonses to appear in Vanderburgh Misdemeanor Court. One 19-year-old man was jailed on preliminary charges of illegal consumption of alcohol and resisting law enforcement.

Two of those cited for underage drinking were residents.

Four of the 65 minors were less than 18 years of age. They were all ticketed and released to parents.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.